



NEWSLETTER

October 2023



MANSFIELD HITS THE HEADLINES!

In 1930, the town of Mansfield hit the sporting headlines by hosting a trial game of football at night by using electric floodlights or 'arc lamps' as they were called.

Reports said the players were not 'incommoded' and spectators were able to watch, aided by the ball being 'white coated'. Five balls were needed as they tended to get dirty! Ollerton Forest played Welbeck Athletic and some representatives of major clubs came along to watch the experiment. These included Arsenal, Sheffield Wednesday, Notts County and Lincoln City.

This was the final of the North Nottinghamshire Senior Cup on Feb 22nd at 6.30pm.

It was organised by John Hickling who, as well as being a league secretary, was also secretary-manager of Mansfield Town.

Ollerton won 3-0 in a match watched by 6000 people including the Bishop of Southwell and Lord Savile.

However, this was not exactly revolutionary as the first floodlight game had been at Sheffield United in 1878!

ADRIAN GRAY, EDITOR

CONTRIBUTIONS to the NLHA Newsletter can be sent to: newsletter@nlha.org.uk

D.H. Lawrence, Jessie Chambers and the Haggs Farm Connection

“Whatever I forget, I shall never forget the Haggs – I loved it so... It really was a new life began in me there.” D.H. Lawrence

D.H. Lawrence will always be associated with his birthplace Eastwood, Nottinghamshire, but just as important to his development as a writer is nearby Haggs Farm, Underwood.



Haggs Farm, home to the Chambers family at the time, was where D. H. Lawrence found a home from home away from his troubled family life in nearby Eastwood and his “first incentive to write”. On his frequent visits there from 1901-8, he became close with the whole family, but with Jessie Chambers in particular he found a kindred spirit, with whom he shared a passionate love of nature and books. In her memoir, *A Personal Record*, Jessie describes trips to the Mechanics Institute, Eastwood where they would choose books for all the family and walk home across the fields discussing the stories and characters. Lawrence supported Jessie with her studies as they both trained to be teachers, in return Jessie encouraged Lawrence in his writing. Their friendship developed into an intense relationship, and perhaps inevitably ended unhappily, but there is no doubt that Jessie played a vital role in Lawrence’s development.

Haggs Farm and the surrounding countryside can be recognised in much of D.H. Lawrence’s early work, especially in his novels *The White Peacock* and *Sons and Lovers* but also in the short stories such as ‘Love Among the Haystacks’. Even his final and infamous novel *Lady Chatterley’s Lover*, written twenty years after he left Eastwood, depicts the countryside around in vivid detail. Jessie Chambers figures again and again, as Emily Saxton in *The White Peacock*, as Muriel in the poetry and in the short stories ‘A Modern Lover’ and ‘A Fly in the Ointment’ and most notably in *Sons and Lovers* where Lawrence portrayed her as the beautiful, intense, spiritual Miriam Leivers.

The Haggs Farm Preservation Society was founded in 1986 with the aim of encouraging the preservation of the farm and reinforcing its significance to D.H. Lawrence. Our first published work, *Miriam's Farm* told the history of Haggs Farm and its tenants, and explored Lawrence's relationship to the farm and the Chambers family. Our latest publication, *Lawrence's Muse: Jessie Chambers Wood through her own writing*, also edited by Clive Leivers, aims to celebrate Jessie Chambers in her own right, showing her talents and interests as a writer, artist, correspondent and pacifist through her letters, essay, sketches and a story. These works shed new light on her beliefs, interests and friendships including major figures of the day such as Max Plowman and John Middleton Murry. Both *Miriam's Farm* and *Lawrence's Muse* are now published by Five Leaves, Nottingham and are available from Five Leaves Bookshop, The D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum or direct from the Haggs Farm Preservation Society. Please see our website for more details.

Kate Foster: Secretary, Haggs Farm Preservation Society



NLHA Nottinghamshire History Forum

Saturday 28th October

10am to 4:00pm

at Ravenshead Village Hall

Nottinghamshire

NG15 9BN

For further information on the Forum, please contact Dave Barton at

secretary@nlha.org.uk

9.30am Registration and Refreshments

10.00am Welcome

10.15am Dr Rebecca Gregory: Viking Nottinghamshire

11.30am William Ruff: Father Henry Garnet and the Gunpowder Plot

12.30pm Lunch & Book Stalls

1.15pm An open discussion on the 'Ways Forward for Local History in Nottinghamshire'

1.45pm Mo Cooper: The History of St. Ann's allotments, Nottingham's unique heritage gardens

3.00pm Richard Parker: Potter Hill, Norton Disney - the site that keeps on giving

4.00pm Close

TICKETS: [Nottinghamshire Local History Association's Autumn Forum Tickets, Sat 28 Oct 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Labour History Society
With Amber Valley Unite Community

**The Strutts, Cotton Textiles and Enslavement:
Enslavers at a distance, Abolitionists at home**



Speakers:

**Susanne Seymour, Deputy Director of the Institute for the
Study of Slavery, University of Nottingham**

Julian Atkinson, Chair NDLHS

Tuesday 24th October 2023, 7.30 p.m.



No 28 Market Place, Belper, DE56 1FZ

Free Parking in the Market Place

Organised by Amber Valley Unite Community and
Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Labour History Society

For more information, please contact rogermtanner@yahoo.co.uk
www.ndlhsoc.wordpress.com

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A 'CAVE MAN' OR 'CAVE WOMAN'?

	
From the The Peverel Society Annual Report 1951	One of the caves on the City of Caves visitor attraction route

Volunteering Opportunity: Echoes: City of Caves History Project

Opportunity Manager:

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Faculty Coordinator:

Charlotte May – Knowledge Exchange Fellow
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Opportunity Details:

Date	September 2023 – December 2024
Time	5-10 hours a week
Location	University Park, National Justice Museum, Libraries and other potential local locations

The Opportunity

We are looking for a team of volunteers enthusiastic about Nottingham's cave heritage to assist the City of Caves team at the University of Nottingham with an exciting new oral history project.

There are over 800 manmade caves beneath the city of Nottingham, created for everything from malting and brewing to hosting events and businesses.

The project is in conjunction with the National Justice Museum who run the City of Caves tourist attraction, and our aim is to collect 50 recorded histories about people's experiences and uses of the caves in Nottingham city centre.

The recordings will be used at a variety of public engagement events and stored for the future at the University's Manuscripts and Special Collections. This will mean that we can continue to expand the story of Nottingham's caves, preserve these stories for the future, and share them with new audiences.

Your Role

We are looking for volunteers to record oral histories from people within Nottingham about their stories and experiences of the caves. You will be using a voice recorder provided by us, transcribing the audio file once recorded or checking the accuracy if it has been processed by Automated Transcription Software, and training will be provided on all aspects of this in early September.

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in the local history of Nottingham and are sensitive to others who are sharing their experiences which may be sensitive in nature. Volunteers will need to be good listeners as well, and able to prompt the storyteller where necessary.

Registering for this opportunity

In order for us to be best prepared for all the events we hold, we ask volunteers to complete a registration form. This ensures all our data is up to date.

Please take a few minutes to fill in [this form](#).

Additional Information

This opportunity will take place in-person, either on University campus or at another local location such as Nottingham Justice Museum. Reasonable travel expenses will be covered.

The health and safety of our community is our highest priority. The guidelines in the link below contain general expectations and information for keeping staff, students and visitors safe across our campuses: <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/coronavirus/safety-on-campus.aspx> You can also find more information about visiting campus [here](#).

Please take the time to read our [Volunteering Policy here](#) and our [privacy policy here](#).

EVEN MORE FROM THE CAVES!



The University of Nottingham's City of Caves team is launching a new project to capture memories, histories and stories about Nottingham's caves. 'Echoes' will record a selection of oral histories to find out more about what the caves mean to the people of Nottingham and how they have contributed to the development of Nottingham's urban identity, through both fact and fiction!

We will be recording a selection of people's stories relating to the caves in Nottingham. For example, these could be stories about the below:

- How businesses have used caves, from pubs to department stores
- People living in the caves or with caves as extensions of their houses and property
- Visiting the caves as a tourist attraction
- Working with the caves as a part of a research project or archaeological excavation
- Managing cave sites and difficulties or opportunities presented by the city's caves
- Using the caves as air raid shelters or as places of refuge

Essentially, we welcome any cave-related stories! We won't be able to record all stories submitted, but we will still read every response and it will add to our knowledge of the city's important and unique caves. You can also contact us the team on caves@nottingham.ac.uk if you have any questions.

Visit our website to find out more: <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/humanities/departments/classics-and-archaeology/research/research-projects/current-projects/city-of-caves/2024-2022-echoes.aspx>

You can complete our Expression of Interest form to document your story:
<https://forms.office.com/e/em7R61eHj5>



From: Dr Tamsin McMillan, Lead Volunteer Support Officer, the Gardens Trust
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I'm working with Nottinghamshire Gardens Trust to run a short project, teaching new volunteers to research historic parks, gardens and other designed landscapes; record what remains on the ground; and then write up a report summarising the sites' development and significances.

We would like to call out for volunteers via your newsletter? There's more information about the project here: <https://thegardenstrust.org/volunteers-save-space-project-researching-nottinghamshire-parks-and-gardens/>



Five Leaves Publications, linked to Five Leaves Bookshop in Nottingham City Centre, has always had an interest in local history. But for years the local history we published was mostly to do with London's Jewish East End! Since the bookshop itself opened, there has been a steady swing to the home patch, for example books on Nottingham in the Miners' Strike and on Viking Nottinghamshire (and Viking Leicester for that matter). Our book on Roman Nottinghamshire and (sorry) Roman Derbyshire are now out of print, which were probably our local best sellers. In recent years our local books have been more literary, with books on Nottingham's literary heritage and, twice, photographic books on the old St. Anns.

Our Bookshop Occasional Papers series has also taken a local turn, with pamphlets including Byron's speech to the Lords about the Luddites and, perhaps a little more obscure, a pamphlet about working at Sisson & Parker in Nottingham in the 1970s. We've published Rose Fyleman in the past. You do know her work... "There are fairies at the bottom of our garden..." and have just brought out her *A Princess Comes To Town*, in which a fairy princess visits the Market Square and other local venues. Possibly an odd move considering Five Leaves is known as a radical bookshop...

One of the big hits of 1945 publishing was *Leaves of Southwell*, by Nicolaas Pevsner and we've brought it back. The photographer was one Frederick Attenborough, father of David, who has written to us talking about how, as a boy, he helped his father take the pictures at Southwell by standing watching the sky to alert his natural-light-loving photographer father a cloud was coming and to hurry up with the snap. Currently we are taking a turn towards DH Lawrence. A new edition of *Miriam's Farm* is out, about Haggs Farm, the home of Jessie Chambers (*Miriam* in *Sons and Lovers*) and a new book *Lawrence's Muse*, about Jessie herself. The book includes letters and postcards from her. Later this year we'll re-issue Lawrence's perhaps most famous short story, *Odour of Chrysanthemums*, partnered by his dialect poem *The Collier's Wife*, with a long introduction by John Lucas, one of many local Lawrence experts. And we are commissioning a book on Willie Hopkin, Lawrence's socialist friend.

One thing we'd like to complete is a micro-history of our alley. Our own building has a blocked-up cellar full of bottles from when the Railway Bell pub sat where we are, and for a while Jessops (now John Lewis) on King Street rambled round to our space being their outdoor furnishings department. The alley once hosted the press department of the Universal Suffrage Association, and, in the 1950s *the" place that working-class Nottingham women came to for their wedding hair-do. At one time there were thirty businesses in the alley. It would be good to see a big book on Nottingham city centre alleys!



If you have an enquiry about Nottinghamshire History, you are best to post this on our NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HISTORY Facebook page, although we will carry some enquiries here.

RAILWAYS: "I wonder if anyone knows anything about a suggestion that was made in 1919 about building rural light railways in central Notts.?"

The Notts & Derbys tramway opened around 1912 and the Mansfield Railway opened during WWI. This has some claim to being the last general purpose railway built in England. It was always run by the Great Central Railway and was a branch of the Great Central London Extension opened in 1899. It was gradually run down after 1955. There were various colliery branches built after WWI but not any general-purpose light railways.

By 1919, with the development of the commercial pneumatic tyre and the carburettor, there was not really any need for these rural railways.

Reply to: Paul Gibbons (01773) 832864

Thoroton Society news

Thoroton Society Transactions - Digital Access (Part 1: 1897-1950)

The Thoroton Society can be rightly proud of over 125 years of academic scholarship on the archaeology, antiquities and history of Nottinghamshire. Its annual volume of *Transactions*, published since the inception of the Society in 1897, has been the mainstay of its ongoing commitment to research and publication, offering a solid

foundation of knowledge of value to those with an interest in the county and its evolution. Since 2020, Andy Nicholson has been engaged in the painstaking work of digitising every issue of *Transactions* and making them ready for free digital access, by way of the Archaeology Data Service website. The ADS operates a stable environment for hosting such a large amount of material, and several counties have already successfully published their historic proceedings there online.

I am delighted to announce that all the material from 1897-1950 is now available for access on the ADS website. We have chosen to hold back material after that date, for the time being, whilst we make efforts to contact the holders of copyright illustrations, and fulfil our duties under UK Copyright legislation. However, users can still locate items from later issues of *Transactions*, which should prove an additional useful tool for those wishing to research the available scholarship on any given subject.

In releasing this material, we hope to generate widespread interest in the society and, where possible, to attract new members. Please do draw the attention of this resource to your family and friends (across the world) and promote the Society's scholarship and achievements. Members will continue to benefit from access to the latest research, through their annual subscription to the Society, as we will not be releasing more recent issues of *Transactions* until at least 3 years have elapsed since publication.

The Society hopes to have an event before the end of the year to celebrate both the release of *Transactions* (Part 1) and the re-organisation of the Society's archive holdings at Nottinghamshire Archives. Further details will be circulated in due course.

I hope the release of this material encourages members to discover (or in some cases re-discover) the many riches which have appeared in the pages of *Transactions of the Thorton Society* over the years. I would also like to offer our collective thanks to Andy Nicholson for the many hours of work he has committed to completing this substantial and important project.

Richard Gaunt
Chair of Council

Digitisation: the process

The *Transactions* Digitisation Project covers the 124 volumes for 1897 to 2020. We were lucky that 4WORD, who currently print our publications, were able to supply PDFs of *Transactions* for 2005-2020 thus leaving me with the task of scanning a mere 109 volumes!

The digitisation process took 14 months to complete. Approximately 18,000 pages were scanned and blemishes and foxing stains removed from the page images with *Adobe Photoshop*. Most older *Transactions* cleaned up fairly well but unfortunately some over-zealous librarian at Nottingham High School had left a vivid

purple library stamp over the pages of several volumes from the early 1900s which proved too difficult to digitally remove so I had to admit defeat and leave them in place!

Once scanning was completed I used Optical Character Recognition software (*ABBYY FineReader PDF 15*) to convert scanned images into computer-readable text that can be searched, edited and indexed. I also used the OCR software to organise the individual pages into around 1,300 *Transactions* articles which were then exported as searchable PDFs.

The next stage was compiling documentation about the articles and volumes for the Archaeology Data Service (ADS) at York University who are making the digitised *Transactions* available on the Web. Once the PDFs and documentation had been sent to ADS a 'Digital Archivist' at York processed the files and uploaded them to the Archaeology Data Service website.

Transactions for the period 1897-1950 are now available to view on the ADS website: <https://doi.org/10.5284/1111859>

Grateful thanks to Society member John Severn who generously lent 15 early volumes of *Transactions* without which the project couldn't have been completed.

Andy Nicholson
Thoroton Society website manager

Nottinghamshire Heritage Gateway website

The Nottinghamshire Heritage Gateway is designed to provide a guide to the heritage resources of the county, and a history of Nottinghamshire featuring the latest research. The information provided by the Gateway is arranged through a series of **research pathways**, organised into the following groups: places, people, themes and events. The pathways provide users with a brief overview of a subject area and a list of key resources for further research, arranged by type of source material.

The latest entry to this Thoroton Society-supported website is on **The Dukeries**. 'The Dukeries' is a name in use since the 18th century to describe a large area of west Nottinghamshire south of Worksop and north of Mansfield. The term applies to four large estates centred on the country seats originally owned by dukes: Clumber House (the Dukes of Newcastle), Thoresby Hall (the Dukes of Kingston), Welbeck Abbey (the Dukes of Portland) and Worksop Manor (the Dukes of Norfolk).

Of the ducal houses only Welbeck Abbey and Thoresby Hall survive. Welbeck has recently reverted to being a family home after many years of hosting an army college and Thoresby has been a luxury hotel since 2000. Clumber House was demolished in 1938 and the current Worksop Manor was fashioned out of estate offices after the second house was demolished in the mid-19th century.

<http://www.nottsheritagegateway.org.uk/places/dukeries.htm>

Heritage Open Days Week, Friday 8 - Sunday 17 September

‘Every September thousands of volunteers across England organise events to celebrate our fantastic history and culture. It is your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – all of which are FREE to explore. ‘

72 events in Nottinghamshire are currently listed on the [Heritage Open Days website](#).

Inspire are also organising heritage-themed events in September:

<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/heritage/heritage/>

‘Tales from Watnall Hall’ blog

I’ve just stumbled across this fascinating blog covering the Watnall/Greasley area and the former landowners, the Rollestons of Watnall Hall (demolished in 1962 - see photo).

Subjects include the ‘40 arches’ (a massive brick railway viaduct built in the Erewash Valley in the 1880s and taken down in 1973), the demolished medieval tithe barn at Watnall, the various remains of coal mining in Watnall Woods and Mr Rolleston’s role in suppressing the Pentrich Rebellion of 1817.

<https://watnallhall.blogspot.com/>

Bennerley Viaduct planning application

Friends of Bennerley viaduct are asking for your help. Bennerley Viaduct is a grade 2* listed railway viaduct built in 1877 by the Great Northern Railway Company. It is the longest wrought iron viaduct in the country and crosses the River Erewash connecting Ilkeston, Derbyshire with Awsworth, Nottinghamshire.

Bennerley Viaduct is located between Awsworth and Cotmanhay. The viaduct runs over the river Erewash and a railway line. To the west, the viaduct is accessed via a sloping pathway, accessible through the canal footpath.

To the east, the viaduct is accessed by steps and is accessible via the A6096 main road.

The Friends of Bennerley Viaduct are a group working towards the restoration and conservation of the viaduct. They have succeeded in reopening the viaduct after 54 years of closure following an investment of £1.4million.

This planning application is for a development proposal on the east of Bennerley Viaduct, that includes a ramp at the east of the viaduct, a new Visitor Centre, which will consist of

- Cafe
- Exhibition space
- Staff Room
- Toilets
- Plant Room & Storage
- Car parking, 22 proposed spaces
- A Bike Store and Bin Store

In addition to this a new road is proposed that will provide better access to the building and the Bennerley Viaduct.

Friends of Bennerley Viaduct are extremely proud of the designs and believe this development will do so much good for the viaduct and the local community.

They are keen for as many people as possible to support the application so please read the documents (available on the Broxtowe Council website: <https://planning.broxtowe.gov.uk/ApplicationDetail?RefVal=23/00527/FUL>) and make a positive comment.

[Friends of Bennerley Viaduct website](#)



TALKS AND MEETINGS

We list all history meetings in Nottinghamshire that we are notified of, as far as we can.

Arnold Local History Group

Contact: 0115 9200626, email address: alhgroupo@gmail.com

Meetings are held at: Arnold Methodist Church, 54 Front Street, Arnold

October 17th Dr Richard Gaunt

Gladstone in Nottingham

November 21st Andy McKinnon

New Ollerton – the development of a colliery village

No meeting in December

Beckingham History Group

Oct 26th. Top Ten Scandals of Sherwood

Nov30th. Bomber Command

There is no meeting in December and we have a social evening in January.

The meetings take place in the Recreation Room in Beckingham at 7pm

For info contact Marion Dickinson <marion08@btinternet.com>

BEESTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chilwell Memorial Hall, 7.30 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

20 September: 'Florence Nightingale.' Danny Wells

18 October: 'John Glover's Sketchbook.' Stephen Flinders

Thursday 16 November at St Michael's Bramcote: 'God Save The King! Coronation Ceremonies and Celebrations from George IV to Charles III' Richard Gaunt

19 December: Christmas Meeting, quiz and AGM



[Blidworth and District Historical & Heritage Society - Home Page \(blidworthhistoricalsociety.co.uk\)](http://blidworthhistoricalsociety.co.uk)

BRAMCOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

All meetings take place in
St. Michael's Church Centre, Church St., Bramcote NG9 3HD
Visitors always welcome, with a suggested donation of £2.50.
Refreshments available.
See our website for further events, walks etc.
www.bramcotehistory.org.uk

Bramcote in the 1920s

Monday 16 October 2023, 8pm with Val Bird and the Research Team

BURTON JOYCE AND BULCOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Venue: Carnarvon Room,
Chestnut Grove
Burton Joyce
NOTTINGHAM
NG14 5DP

Members meet on the second Wednesday of the month from September to May at 7.30 pm
Visitors are most welcome. Admission is £5.00 per person.

PROGRAMME 2023

Please contact the society for details.



All meetings held in the Lower Hall Village Centre, New Hill, starting at 7.30 p.m.

11th October	Rufford Abbey and its 19th century 'Savile' custodians.	Karen Winyard
8th November	The Humour of Hole: Introduction to Reverend Reynolds Hole of Cauntton, one of the great characters of garden history	Martin Stott

Coddington History Group

19th Oct 2023 Fields in the Landscape. Emily Gillott

16th Nov 2023 Christmas Tales. Bob Massey

We meet in Coddington Village Hall, Main St, Coddington. NG24 2PN at 7:30 pm.

Admission £2 non members (including refreshments).

Contact: derekrigby25@hotmail.com

East Leake & District Local History Society

Oct 18th: Damer Laura Knight: A Retrospective view of her life – Mike Saunders

Nov 15th: East Midland Knitting Industry – Colin Moss

Dec 13th: How Christmas Traditions came about – Bob Massey

Jan 17th: Secrets, Mysteries & Curiosities of Nottinghamshire – Chris Weir

Feb 21st: Vikings in and around Notts – Peter Liddle

March 20th: Members' Evening

April 17th: Inn Signs and Local History – Robert Mee

May 15th: History beneath our Feet – Strephen Flinders (AGM)

Meetings are normally held in the parish church at 7.30pm.

Edwinstowe Historical Society

www.edwinstowehistory.org.uk
enquiries: EdwinstoweHistorySoc@gmail.com

Venue: St. Mary's Church Rooms, Mansfield Road, Edwinstowe, Notts. NG21 9NJ
Meetings held on 3rd Wednesday of the month, commencing at 2.00 p.m.
Visitors welcome at a charge of £3

Programme for 2023/24

Oct. 18 th	Top Ten Scandals from Sherwood Forest	Adrian Gray
Nov. 15 th	Lady Arbella Stuart	David Templeman
Dec. 20 th	No meeting	
Jan. 17 th	No meeting	
Feb. 21 st	A Journey along the River Maun	In house
Mar. 20 th	Newstead Abbey	Dennis Hill
Apr. 17 th	The Good, the Bad & The Reality	Mo Cooper
May 15 th	AGM	
June 19 th	Follow the Moon & Stars	John Baird

Elston Pentagon History Society

Venue: Elston Village Hall, Top Street, Elston, Newark, NG23 5NP

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Visitors £4.

Wednesday 25th October

Peter Liddle: The Rutland Villa and its Remarkable Mosaics

Wednesday 22nd November

David & Chris Ditcham: My Grandfather's War

Wednesday 6th December

Christmas Supper/Lunch: The Chequers Inn

6.30pm to eat at 7pm

2024

Wednesday 24th January

Stephen Howarth: The Shetland Bus

Wednesday 28th February

Kathy Powis: The Mary Rose – One moment in Time

Wednesday 27th March

Bob Massey: Goose Fair

Wednesday 24th April

Clive Rudd: Songs and Stories From the 60s

Wednesday 22nd May

Creswell Craggs: 32 miles. Groups - minimum of 2 maximum of 10

Group Price £14 per person. 3 choices

Life in the Ice Age; Witch Marks: Art in the Ice Age

Tours last an hour; 20 minute walk to the caves.

Single Entry £3.00, over 60 £2.00:

Wednesday 26th June.

Sibthorpe Dovecote Village = Monastic College, chapel, moat, fishponds

And open field system

Wednesday 24th July

Flintham Museum £5 per person – this includes a walk to where the original village shop used to be and a mud dovecote, weather permitting. 50. Annual Subs £25.00

KEYWORD

Latest news: [Keyworth & District Local History Society \(keyworthhistory.org.uk\)](http://keyworthhistory.org.uk)

Lowdham Local History Society

Meetings are normally at the WI Hall from 7.30pm.

12th October: Adrian Gray – the Nottinghamshire Origins of the Mayflower Pilgrims

9th November 2023 Mike Kirton - The Hodgkinson's of Southwell. The Journals of George Hodgkinson 1782 - 1784.

14th December 2023 Paul Mann - The Vikings on the Trent. An overview of the Viking invasion 793 to 1066.

8th February 2024 Bob Massey - Stand and Deliver. The story of rogues, cut throats and villains.

14th March 2024 Ted White - The Smith family of Bromley House. A fascinating story of the beginnings of the Smiths Bank.

11th April 2024 Steve LeMottee - Sport on the Forest Recreation Ground from the 17C

All Meetings held in the Lowdham WI Hall at 7.30pm. Membership is just £15, non-members pay £3 for each evening.

Newark: other events

None notified.

NOTTINGHAM HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Saturday 21st October 2023 Basement Open Day

It is the Last Chance this Year to visit and view some of the finds from the Caves and Wells of Nottingham.

We are Open from 11 - 3pm at

35 ST MARY'S GATE THE LACE MARKET

ADMISSION Adults £2.50 Children FREE

We also have a working party on a Tuesday morning from 11-1pm, if anyone is interested and would like to join us recording the finds and reassembling the pottery. no experience required as training will be given.

Also we are available to give illustrated talks to groups about the Caves of Nottingham

Contact: pauline.dewberry@ntlworld.com

Nottingham: other events

From Nottingham Civic Society:

17 October: Philip Riden

'Nottingham's Waterways and their Navigation'

NB Since the AGM last May was inquorate, this lecture will be preceded at 7.15 by an EGM to ratify annual reports etc. PLEASE COME EARLY!

21 November: Peter Rogan

'The Work of a Conservation Architect'

12 December: Chris Weir (*note this is the SECOND Tuesday, not the third*)

'Victorian Nottingham'

16 January: Paul Elliott

'Learning from Nottingham's Historic Green Spaces'

20 February: Felicity Whittle

'House-work: 29 years in the House of Commons Library'

Recollections from a career spent amongst the books, the buildings and the people in the Palace of Westminster.

19 March: Martine Hamilton Knight - *the Ken Brand lecture*

'Meet the Neighbours: Photographing Staffordshire for the new edition of Pevsner's *Buildings of England*'

16 April: Chris Matthews

'Twentieth Century Nottingham'

21 May: Annual General Meeting

Venue: Tuesday evenings at 7.30 in the Nottingham Mechanics.

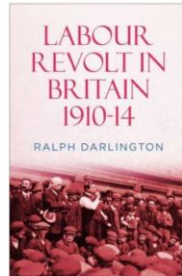
Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Labour History Society



Five Leaves Bookshop Presents

**Labour Revolt in Britain 1910-14
with Ralph Darlington**

Thu 19 Oct, 7pm | Tickets £4 (£3 N&D LHS members)



The Labour Revolt that swept Britain in the early 20th century was one of the most sustained, dramatic and violent explosions of industrial militancy and social conflict the country has ever experienced. It involved large-scale strikes by miners, seamen, dockers, railway workers, and others - many acting independently of trade-union officials. Amidst this powerful grassroots energy, the country saw widespread solidarity action, phenomenal union membership growth, breakthroughs in industrial unionism and women's union organisation, and a dramatic increase in the collective power of the working-class movement. Ralph Darlington will talk us through the role of the radical left, the relationship between industrial struggles and political organisation, and the contemporary significance of the Labour Revolt.

Ralph Darlington is Emeritus Professor of Employment Relations at Salford University. His books include *Glorious Summer: Class Struggle in Britain 1972* and *Radical Unionism: The Rise and Fall of Revolutionary Syndicalism*.

A joint event with Notts and Derbyshire Labour History Group

[Tickets at fiveleavesbookshop.co.uk/events](https://fiveleavesbookshop.co.uk/events)

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AUTUMN WALKS AROUND NOTTINGHAM

***SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER* - NOTTINGHAM AND THE PENTRICH
REVOLUTION OF 1817**

Meeting outside the Exchange Buildings, Market Square (by the Left Lion),
to start the walk at 10.30 am.

This is one of the series of walks following the events of the Rising organised by the
Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolution Group(PSWRG).

The walk will take two hours. This is an urban walk on pavements.

***SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER* - ILKESTON AND THE PENTRICH
REVOLUTION.**

Meeting outside the Library on Ilkeston Market Place to start the walk at 10.30 am.

The walk,organised with PSWRG, will take two hours. This is an urban walk on pavements.
It will finish at the Erewash Museum.

**SATURDAY 11th NOVEMBER - WORKING CLASS WOMEN ORGANISE: EVENTS
IN 19th CENTURY NOTTINGHAM**

Meeting outside Nottingham Contemporary to start the walk at 10.30am.

The walk will take two hours and is an urban walk on pavements.

Book places for any of these walks by emailing Roger Tanner of NDLHS at
rogerntanner@yahoo.co.uk

Numismatic Society of Nottinghamshire

REGULAR VENUE:

*Beeston Suite,
Highfields Fire Station,
Hassocks Lane, Beeston,
Nottingham. NG9 2GQ*

GENERAL MEETINGS:

*Monthly: September to April
& AGM in July,
Start time: 6.45pm.
(Auction viewing from 6.00pm)*

Contact: marktray60@gmail.com

Monday 9th October 2023

Larger than Life Commemorative Medallions by Rob Davis

Monday 13th November 2023

Edwardian Postcards by Brian Lund

Monday 11th December 2023

Roman Coin Hoards in Britain by Prof. David J. Mattingly
The Ernest Danson Lecture

Monday 8th January 2024

Understanding Legends on Coins by Mark T. Ray

Monday 12th February 2024

Roman Republican Coinage by Steve Jackson

Monday 11th March 2024

Royalist Newark, 1642-1646 by Stuart Jennings

Monday 8th April 2024

Society Auction

Monday 8th July 2024

Annual General Meeting

RADCLIFFE ON TRENT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY TALKS 2022/2023

2023

4 Oct 'Home and Away: Notts Red Cross and the First World War', by Dr Rosemary Collins.

1 Nov 'The Rutland Roman Villa Project', by Peter Liddle.

13 Dec 'The Duke and the bigamous Duchess: Holme Pierrepont in the 18th century'. by Beryl Cobbing.

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3 Jan 'The regicide and the authoress: John and Lucy Hutchinson of Owthorpe', by Dave Barton.

7 Feb 'Fish and Fasting in Early Modern England', by Mark Dawson.

6 Mar 'Florence Boot' by Sian Trafford.

3 Apr 'Exploring the history of Radcliffe's pubs, past and present' by Marion Caunt.

1 May 'Medieval houses of the East Midlands', by James Wright.

5 Jun 'An unheroic history of Robin Hood', by a speaker from the University of Nottingham Manuscripts Library.

All talks are on a Wednesday evening starting at 7-30pm in the main hall of Grange Hall, Main Road, Radcliffe on Trent. Tickets are available from Pen2Paper, Main Road, RoT or on the door, price £3. Doors open at 7-00pm.

7 Jun 'George Parr, Radcliffe's international cricketer', by Marion Caunt.

Retford & District Historical and Archaeological Society

Sutton on Trent History Society

We meet in the Methodist Community Centre, High Street, Sutton-on-Trent commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Annual membership of the Society is £10.00 per annum and the fee for non-members is £2.00 per meeting.

Details here: [History Society - Sutton-on-Trent Parish Council - Sutton-on-Trent Parish Website, Newark \(suttonontrent.org.uk\)](#)

October 2023

Monday 9th at 7.30 p.m.

**-Tony McKendrick
Social History in Postcards**

November 2023

Monday 13th at 7.30 p.m.

**-Maggy and Chris Watkins
Mayflower – New Beginnings**

December 2023

Monday 11th at 7.30 p.m.

**-Bob Massey
Traditional Christmas**

January 2024

Monday 8th at 7.30 p.m.

**-Mike Tipping
Mike's Journey to 'Deborah' (World War I Tank)**

February 2024

Monday 12th at 7.30 p.m.

**-Mike Ogden
Beyond the Blue Horizon (The Golden Age of Air Travel)**

March 2024

Monday 11th at 7.30p.m.

**-Lynda and Andrew Hounsfield
Sir Godfrey Hounsfield**

April 2024

Monday 8th at 7.30 p.m.

**-Chris Hewis
A Pictorial Tour of Bygone Lincoln**



Thoroton Society news

Latest news: [The Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire > Programme of events](#)

Welbeck and the Harley Gallery

Wollaton Historical & Conservation Society

Meetings: 7.30pm St Leonard's Community Centre, Bramcote Lane, opp Wollaton library.

NLHA LIST OF SPEAKERS

Our list (which is of speakers we are aware of, not 'approved' speakers) will include talks about Nottinghamshire or directly related history. If you are a speaker, please send your list of talks to newsletter@nlha.org.uk.

David Speed (speeddavid06@gmail.com): Offers six illustrated Powerpoint history talks: Beauvale Priory where two worlds meet; The Kings and Sherwood Forest; Robin Hood and His Times; The Pentrich Revolt; Henry Sampson, Betrayal in Bulwell; Tangled Web: Nottingham Children's Nineteenth Century Education.

Mo Cooper is a community historian and a founder member of Nottingham Women's History Group. She delivers a variety of talks and walks. You can contact her at mocooper@yahoo.co.uk or Tel 07950 472022.

<https://mocooper.weebly.com>

- The Clergyman, the Widow and the Milkman - an exploration of Nottingham's Edwardian landlords Talk
- Edwardian housing Narrowmarsh
- Gedling House – Georgian mansion to Buddhist Centre Talk (or tour from 2023)
- The good, the bad and the reality, A gallop through the women who have contributed to Nottingham's' history
- Nottingham, women's history
- Hearing Deaf Voices - the History of the Deaf Community in Nottingham
- Women's Suffrage in Nottingham, The long, long road to equality Talk Suffrage Nottingham Suffragette
- What did you do in the war mum? An exploration of how the women of
- Nottingham supported the war effort.
- WW2, women's history, Nottingham
- Walks (and talks)
- Beer, bleaching and burials in Basford
- Ladies, Lace and Lawbreakers – lace workers, grand ladies and the women that were transported for their 'crimes'.

Robert Mee can present a number of illustrated talks for your group. Presentations currently available include:

- Inn Signs and Local History: Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire pub names - what they can tell the local historian
- Nottinghamshire Castles: 11 definite castle sites, and a few more besides!
- Nottingham Classified: a look at 18th and 19th century advertisements in the local newspapers. (from May 2023)

All presentations are fully illustrated. They normally last from 50 to 90 minutes, but can be adjusted to suit your needs. Robert is often available at short-notice, if, for example, a speaker cancels. Fees are £60, plus expenses if over 40 miles (return from West Hallam) involved. Contact: email - RobertMMee@btinternet.com; telephone - 0115 9327495/07757 134353

Tom Andrews: tom_andrews@hotmail.co.uk

- Modern policing of Nottingham, primarily the policing of Nottingham between 1930 – 1959 and Chief Constable Capt. Athelstan Popkess who invented police radios and mobile police vehicle patrols among other things, and Victorian policing of Nottinghamshire.

STAA at St Ann's Heritage Gardens provide speakers on this Grade 2* listed site. Talks delivered by Mo Cooper.

- St Ann's Allotments, Nottingham's unique heritage gardens
- Stories from the Hungerhills

ADRIAN GRAY can be contacted at adriangray@pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk or 07470 366689. Adrian is a graduate historian and author of many books. His talks are all fully illustrated and include:

Why did they all come from here? Why the Mayflower Pilgrims and the linked group who formed the first Baptists originated in the region of North Notts and West Lincs.

Religious Liberty: A Gift to the World from Notts and Lincs: ideas about religious liberty now enshrined in the UN declaration of Human Rights can be traced back through the US 'First Amendment' to the thinking and writing of men who came from Nottinghamshire.

Thomas Helwys: The Price of Freedom: Helwys, a Nottingham man, financed the move of the 'Pilgrims' to Holland and there became a Baptist. He risked his own life by returning to England and founding the Baptist denomination, where he wrote the first text in English that argued for religious liberty for all faiths – for which he was imprisoned.

The Top Ten Scandals of Sherwood Forest: this is an unconventional approach to telling the story of Sherwood and the Dukeries. Rather than following it chronologically, we examine the tale through ten scandals – money, sex and political – that define what happened to Sherwood and the great houses that were built there.

Worksop, Witches and a Place in American History: the Life of Richard Bernard: Richard Bernard was born in Tudor Epworth and became a great figure amongst the puritans and separatists under James I based mainly at Gainsborough and Worksop. Later he became a great writer, influenced John Bunyan and his daughter helped found a state in America. Today he is best-known for his authoritative guide on witches, based on his experience in Worksop!

Rebels and Radicals: the turbulent early Quakers from Notts: the Quakers were the most radical religious group of their day, challenging law and order wherever they went. They began in Mansfield with George Fox, their first meeting place was probably in Skegby, and their first 'martyr' was James Parnell of Retford. They travelled the world, courting controversy wherever they went and often they went to prison and suffered beatings.

Historical Highlights from Bassetlaw: the Bassetlaw region of North Notts is little known, yet it is an area with an amazing history full of battles, bravery, scandal and...some beautiful places. This is a personal selection of the most interesting places in the area and what they can tell us about its history.

Historical Highlights from Newark and Sherwood: this is a personal selection of the most interesting historical sites in Newark and Sherwood District – lost medieval fragments, forgotten villages, vanished castles, the forgotten world of the medieval fishpond and much more! Lots of pictures and ideas for doing some exploring of your own.

The Capricious Trent – the Battle between People and the River Trent: the course of the lower River Trent from Farndon and Averham to Gainsborough and beyond has seen some remarkable events in English history as people have struggled to keep it under control. This talk introduces you to the lost channels, great floods and little village ferries that illustrate the course of this most intriguing of England's rivers.

Myths and Legends of the 'Mayflower' Story: the 'Mayflower' story is one that has 'grown in the telling' with many false claims and even monuments in the wrong place. This entertaining talk examines some of the 'red herrings' of the story including some shameless profiteering and examples of deliberate distortion of the truth.

Rebellious Women of Nottinghamshire: this talk compares two generations of Nottinghamshire women who fought against 'the system'. The first generational example is of the puritan women who supported their husbands to take on the Monarchy and to then survive amidst the wilds of New England. The comparison is made with radical, working-class preaching women in Nottingham in the early 1800s – who featured at one of the best-known public executions and then inspired the novelist George Eliot, until they were put back into their place by repressive men!

Some Nottinghamshire Artists: enjoy some paintings of the county and hear the stories of local artists who enjoyed success or failure along the way. Some you will have heard of, some are now pretty obscure, but all are interesting in their own ways.

Dr Rowena Edlin-White: A professional author, researcher and speaker for over twenty-five years, specialising in local history, women's history and the region's forgotten authors. Currently taking only daytime bookings. Contact ro@edlin-white.net for more details.

Four Forgotten Nottingham Authors: Muriel Hine, Cecil Roberts, John Collis Snaith & Dorothy Whipple were all best-sellers in their day. **Note:** other combinations of writers available from my book, *Exploring Nottinghamshire Writers* (Five Leaves).

The Sherwood Forest Group: Early 19th century radical ruralists, Robert Millhouse, Spencer T. Hall, Lucy Joynes, Joanna Williams and the rest – a fascinating bunch.

William and Mary Howitt, a Literary Marriage: Quaker couple among the most celebrated writers of their age; radical in their politics, they wrote more than 160 books between them.

No Surrender! Women's Suffrage in Nottinghamshire: Our very own suffragists and suffragettes; stirring stories of intrepid women – and some men!

Grace's Diary: the Journal of Grace Jane Dexter 1884-93: the life and aspirations of a young teacher, befriended by Florence Nightingale. Late Victorian Nottingham & Derbyshire, in her own words.

Spinster of No Occupation? Mary Ellen Shaw 1859-1926: the life of an energetic woman who worked to improve social conditions in Nottingham at the end of the Victorian era.

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Any money I raise from this activity is regarded as a donation to support the work of the 'Friends of Moor Pond Woods'. [<http://moorpond.papplewick.org>]

'A thread in the web of time: the archaeology of the 18th century cotton mills at Papplewick' Over the last 20 years archaeological exploration has provided evidence about how the cotton mills in the Leen Valley were supplied with water, and how the system was modified to account for changing circumstances. The talk reports and discusses the progress of the work.

'A London Boy at Mr Robinson's mill' The story of the child workers who were brought from workhouses to work in these early factories.

'Spinning yarns: the history and operation of the cotton mills at Papplewick' A talk focussing on the history and operation of the spinning mills in the period 1778 – 1828. This was the first site in the World to use a steam engine to provide rotary motion in a textile factory.

'From bluebells to blue-tits: the natural habitats of Moor Pond Woods' A review of the varied habitats of this Nottinghamshire local nature reserve and discussion about how it is managed and maintained.

'From Marylebone to Massachusetts: the life and times of Henry Leonard' Recounting the story of a Nottinghamshire textile worker from his recruitment in the 1790s, through his employment to his eventual emigration in the 1850s.

'Bulwell, 1750-1880: Industrialisation and urbanisation in the Leen valley' Exploring the evidence for the development of a Nottingham suburb.

'Moving On: Investigating the migration of mill workers to Darley Abbey' Darley Abbey was a planned industrial hamlet built on a green-field site at the end of the 18th century. This talk looks at the evidence from censuses and parish registers to explore the migration of early factory workers.

'The history and heritage of Gedling Borough' Gedling Borough is one of the administrative districts of Nottinghamshire. This talk explores the history and development of the various places that make up the district.

Bob Massey:

BOB MASSEY provides talks at various venues including in pubs:

10th October at the Waggon and Horses Redhill at 7pm

30th October at 7pm at the Robin Hood and Little John Arnold

Maggy Watkins can be contacted at talksandtours@gmail.com or by mobile: 07950167821. Her talks are fully illustrated and include:

- * The Mayflower Pilgrims
- * Mayflower New Beginnings - notable characters, myths and firearms in America
- * Katherine Swynford the Scandalous Duchess

Keith Small can be contacted at telephone 01636 679261 or email: keiparkinson75@btinternet.com

- The River Trent in the Countryside and in History
- A Brief History of the Nottinghamshire Lace Industry
- A Brief History of the Nottinghamshire Mining Industry
- A Brief History of the Nottinghamshire Tobacco Industry
- Truths and Myths of Robin Hood and His Merry Men

Martin Stott is a former BBC journalist who has made programmes for Radio 4 and the World Service from 21 countries. He is the co-editor of *By Any Other Name*, the heritage rose journal of the World Federation of Rose Societies and writes the garden history blog: www.storyteller garden.co.uk.

Fees go towards the restoration of the garden at Bromley House Library. Martin is a trustee of the library. Contact: Martin.Stott@bulletin.co.uk

- The humour of Hole – Nottinghamshire vicar Samuel Reynolds Hole (1819-1904), celebrated preacher, rosarian, horticulturalist and author of the immensely popular *A Book about Roses*, was the first organiser of the National Rose Show and president of the world's first National Rose Society. Hear the life story of this giant (in all respects) of the Victorian gardening world through his humorous writing.
- The history of the rose – The fossil record suggest roses have been around for at least 25 million years. This is a potted history of the nation's favourite flower and the amazing characters involved in its evolution, including two Nottinghamshire horticultural heroes.
- Nottingham's 'Royal' Garden – In the centre of Nottingham, hidden from sight, lies a rare Georgian town garden that was created in 1752 by Mary Howe – a direct descendant of King James I – and George Smith, of the famous Nottingham banking family. The garden is part of Grade 2*-listed Bromley House, now the home of a fabulous subscription library. This is the story of Bromley House, the library and of the plans to restore its precious gem of a garden.

Chris Weir is an author, local historian and archivist. Chris offers a wide variety of talks and will also lead historical walking tours around Nottingham city centre and inner suburbs. His website gives more details and images relating to his talks.

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- Lace, Slums & The Occasional Riot! The Making of Victorian Nottingham
- The Story of Boots (Jesse Boot, Florence and the Company).
- A Woman's Lot. Women's History in Nottinghamshire, 1550-1950.
- The People's War in Nottinghamshire (The Home Front WW2).
- The Nottinghamshire Heritage (Landscapes, Buildings and Communities).
- Rambling Into History (The History of Walking, Footpaths and Landscapes).
- Secrets, Mysteries & Curiosities of Nottinghamshire
- Mud, Munitions & Memorials. (Nottinghamshire & WW1)
- Nottinghamshire's Dark Side
- The Cattle Market, Nottinghamshire

- From Green Fields to an Inner Suburb, The Growth of Forest Fields.

Graham Woodward: contact via gwoodward@clara.co.uk

I am a board member of Nottingham Civic Society and a 'local historian' living in Wollaton. I have been photographing Nottingham since the late 1970s and have over 10,000 images of the city past and present.

- Canals around Nottm – how and when they were built and how they work.
- Cinemas of Nottm – a detailed look at Nottm's 57 cinemas.
- Picture Wollaton – Wollaton Village in postcards with a short history of postcards in Britain
- Wollaton Park Housing Estate – a history of the development of the first Garden Suburb estate in the city by T.C. Howitt
- Hyson Green – the Shoppingham of the East Midlands
- Radford – an industrial heartland
- Old Nottingham – a look at the small number (45) of pre-1700 buildings in the city
- Post Office Letter Boxes – the history of their development
- And coming soon – coal mining in Trowell, Cossall and Wollaton.

I also do walks:

- The Lace Market
- Nottingham Canal in the city
- Theatres and Music Halls
- Wollaton Village.

Talks are priced at £20 and walks at £3 per person. All proceeds go to local (Wollaton) charity projects. I can provide my own projector, screen and audio kit or use host facilities.

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